

Branded for life...



An estimated 340 cattle were branded, vaccinated and castrated at the Spring Creek Ranch on Saturday. (From left to right) Don Lowry, Cody Lowry, Joe Lambert and Ashley Dierkins were among the many cowboys and cowgirls putting in the hard work. —Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

JENNINGS NEWS

A blanket of snow did not dim the enthusiasm of the Jennings Tuesday Study Club on April 23. After a pot roast lunch at the Broken Wheel in Jennings, club members went to the United Methodist Church for their business meeting. During new business, members paid their \$10 dues for the 2013-2014 year and Sheila Rhodes was elected as the club secretary/treasurer. Members reviewed program idea choices for next year and signed up to be on the program committee. Marie Miller, Patty Foster, Lila Jennings, Paula Krizek, Alice Mizer, Lynn Tacha, Joan McKenna, Joanie Metz, Sue Long, Pat Hall, Violet Foster, Helen Rhodes, Carla Latimer, Ruth Chance, Helen Muirhead, Louise Cressler, Kathy Nauer, Sheila Rhodes and Neoma Tacha answered roll call with their favorite flower or plant. When the business meeting was adjourned, club members carpooled to Mona's Market in Dresden for a taste of spring. Inside the toasty warm greenhouse, Mona Amlong explained the process of establishing and expanding her greenhouse business. Growing flowers and other plants includes lots of hard work, planning and research, and creativity. The first seeds are planted in December and flourish under grow lights. Some plants are started from cuttings and others must be purchased as sets. Trees, shrubs, roses, bulbs and potting soil are also available for sale. In addition, Mona grows pumpkins to sell in the fall and utilizes a variety of fun containers to create wonderful floral arrangements. Surrounded by an array of amazing

and colorful flowers and plants, Tuesday Study Club members experienced visions of delicious vegetables on their plates and beautiful floral containers decorating their front porches. Thanks to Mona and her magical indoor taste of spring, the snow outside was forgotten.

The Jennings City Library board voted to have Carla Latimer, the librarian, purchase a container to be used as an outside book drop at the library. Thanks to Tom Votapka, Jason Rowh and Dean Robinson for setting it up and securing it to a frame stand.

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended the birthday party on Sunday honoring their great-granddaughter, Lenzy Golemboski, on her second birthday. The party was held at the home of her parents and sister, Katie and Zach Golemboski and Lexy, Colby. Grandparents attending were Cindy Black, Carlsbad, N.M.; Mark and Jackie Golemboski, Colby. Additional great-grandparents attending included Dennis and Marilyn Wahlmeier, Cambridge, Neb.; Tony and Kathy Surmeier, Colby. In the afternoon they enjoyed attending Lexy's dance recital at the Colby High School gymnasium.

Enjoying card playing Wednesday at the Sunflower Senior Center were: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Scott Taylor, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Some members of the Christian Motorcycle Association came to give the message at the United Methodist Churches of Dresden and Jennings. Our minister, Barbara Patterson was

enjoying a visit with their family in Illinois Sunday.

Congratulations to Jess and Megan Carter on the arrival of their son, William Thomas, born Thursday, April 25 at the McCook Community Hospital. He has two sisters to welcome him home. Grandparents are Ken and Julie Carter and great-grandmother, Rachel Carter of Jennings and great-grandmother, Norma Ward of Clayton.

The Jennings Lions Club will be sponsoring the Mother's Day dinner held at the Sunflower Senior Center on Sunday, May 12 serving from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Freewill donation is appreciated.

Visiting Wayne and Louise Cressler on Sunday was their son, Russell Cressler of Bison.

Norcatur library gets grant

Norcatur Public Library received a \$1,000 book grant from the Kansas Book Festival, says Librarian Betsy Jakowski.

Kansas First Lady Mary Brownback revealed the winners during a recent news conference at the Statehouse in Topeka.

"The Kansas Book Festival works year around to promote literacy and encourage a life-long love of reading," Mrs. Brownback said. "These grants will help preserve and improve local and school libraries across the state."

"We desperately need more books by current

authors," said Mrs. Jakowski, who applied for the grant in December, "so we were thrilled to get the grant. That's why I applied."

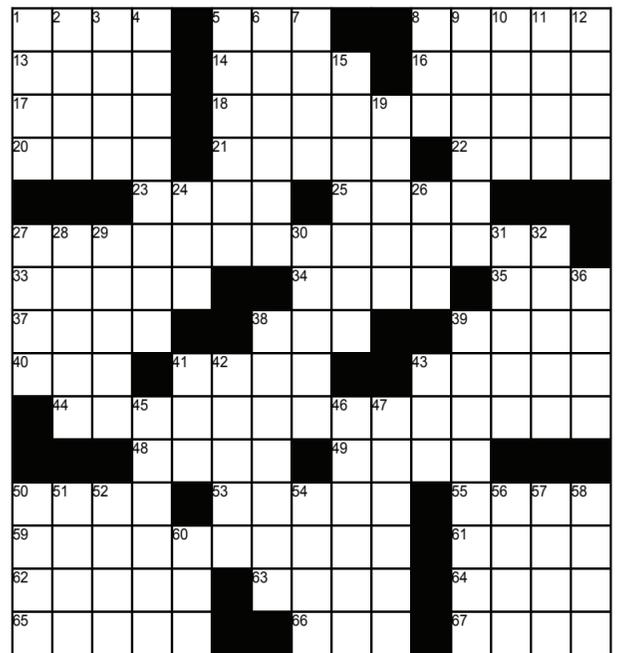
In October, Mrs. Jakowski was named Librarian of the Year. She has agreed to represent Decatur County as a member of the Northwest Kansas Library System executive committee.

Grainfield Public Library was the only other public library in the Northwest Kansas Library System to receive a book grant. A total of \$12,555 was distributed among 16 school and public libraries.

ACROSS

1. "That's a laugh!"
5. Former press secretary Fleischer
8. Invited
13. Oxeye window shape
14. Emit coherent light
16. Drummer who replaced Best
17. One, for one
18. Sweet fruit of Washington and Oregon
20. Bloodhound's clue
21. Retort to 7-Down
22. Diana or Betsy
23. Sidi __, Morocco
25. PC pic
27. Miss Frances's kiddie show
33. Cornhusker State city
34. Elevator name
35. Apollo vehicle
37. Attempted to score
38. Wall and 42nd: Abbr.
39. Stat for a goalie
40. Tool man Allen
41. Italian bubbly
43. More rational
44. Indoor racket
48. Looking down on
49. Road reversals, slangily
50. Be a blowhard
53. Moves like sludge
55. Run __ (go crazy)
59. 1963 Johnny Cash hit
61. Mindy of "The Facts of Life"
62. Create cuffs on, perhaps
63. Snow construction
64. Role for Welles
65. Trombone feature

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| 66. Teachers' org. | 19. Strep throat bacteria | 46. Nom de __ once |
| 67. Tuck away | 24. Pharmaceutical-approving org. | 47. Coin of Toledo, once |
| DOWN | 26. Surprised cries | 50. Victoria's Secret buys |
| 1. Nonpaying train rider | 27. Verb with "thou" | 51. Small brook |
| 2. Driven by greed | 28. "Got it, dude!" | 52. Prefix with knock or lock |
| 3. Christmas pageant prop | 29. Judd or Watts | 54. Utah national park |
| 4. "I'm game" | 30. Gained access | 56. Castle's trench |
| 5. Lacking melanin | 31. Chan portrayer Warner __ | 57. "That's not good!" |
| 6. Cookie or bread morsel | 32. Destroy completely | 58. Was familiar with |
| 7. "That's not true!" | 36. A __ child | 60. It needs refining |
| 8. Cigarette tip | 38. Pay a brief visit | |
| 9. Buffet table heater | 39. Pathetic sorts | |
| 10. Corn syrup brand | 41. Actor's rep: Abbr. | |
| 11. Boots the ball | 42. Mad Magazine specialty | |
| 12. Prohibition backers | 43. "You don't __!" | |
| 15. "Me" types | 45. Acted shrewish | |

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Not Enforcing Existing Gun Laws – That's A Crime

If anybody in Chicago is culpable for the armed carnage on that city's mean streets, it's Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who never misses an opportunity to blame peaceable, law-abiding gun owners for the daily bloodletting by violent Chicago thugs.

Emanuel steadfastly refuses to demand application of tough federal laws that would surgically rid the streets of criminals who currently terrorize many Chicago neighborhoods. And that represents a kind of aggressive political malfeasance.

The reason is simple. If Chicago citizens knew the extent of existing harsh criminal sanctions and that those laws could readily be applied to prosecute real criminals, Emanuel's endless call for new "gun control" would be seen for what it is: an evil campaign to disarm the innocent. And those federal laws apply equally in every corner of the nation.

That reality goes for New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and for every other mayor signed on to his phony national political machine, Mayors Against Illegal Guns. It also goes for U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and President Obama.

A January 2013 Chicago Tribune story headlined, "U.S. struggles over which gun crimes to prosecute," reported, "Obama's Justice Department has shown little appetite to prosecute what it considers low-level firearms crimes . . . officials with the department said."

If "low-level" prosecutions of the most violent armed criminals in Chicago were the norm, that city - with thousands of shootings and armed robberies added to its growing number of murders - would see scores of the worst violent gang members and armed drug dealers sent to prison in sure, swift prosecutions. That's true for every city in America.

But Chicago, with the most vicious armed criminals in the nation, ranks 89th out of 90 U.S. Attorney districts. That ranking comes from Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC), which provides the gold-standard review of federal law enforcement performance.

Given thousands of violent crimes involving armed criminals, including record numbers of murders every year, Chicago has seen pathetically few federal gun-law prosecutions: 63 in fiscal year 2011.

How many of the 506 murders involving firearms in Chicago last year would never have happened had Obama's Justice Department taken criminals off the streets?

A simple look at the law answers that question. Everything real violent criminals do to acquire a firearm is already a serious federal felony. Under federal law, lying to a licensed dealer, lying on the form 4473, and straw sales are all federal felonies that are almost never prosecuted. Holder's Justice Department calls them "paper violations." Yet those are the very crimes that they say demand a "universal background check" - a national registration scheme - for all of us.

So let me cite - from a federal public defender fact sheet - a few of the existing federal statutes dealing with armed criminals once they have their guns. I'll give you the prison term first along with the citations in the United States Code (U.S.C.).

• **10 years** - 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) - for possession of a firearm or ammunition by a felon, fugitive, or drug user . . . And possession means touching a gun, any gun, handgun, rifle or shotgun. Any firearm that Dianne Feinstein would ban for us, is already an illegal gun for violent criminals.

• **10 years** - 18 U.S.C. § 922(j) - for

possession of a stolen firearm.

• **10 years** - 18 U.S.C. § 922(i) - for shipment or transport of a stolen firearm across state lines.

• **10 years** - 18 U.S.C. § 924(b) - for shipping, transporting or receipt of a firearm across state lines with intent to commit a felony.

• **5 to 30 years consecutive mandatory minimum sentences** - 18 U.S.C. § 924(a) (1)(A) - for carrying, using, or possessing a firearm in connection with a federal crime of violence or drug trafficking.

• **The death penalty or up to life imprisonment** - 18 U.S.C. § 924(j) for committing murder while possessing a firearm in connection with a crime of violence or drug trafficking.

• **15 years mandatory minimum** - 18 U.S.C. § 924(e) - for a "prohibited person" who has three prior convictions for drug offenses or violent felonies.

• **10 years** - 18 U.S.C. § 924(g) - for interstate travel to acquire or transfer a firearm to commit crimes.

So, if every possible aspect of acquisition, possession, transport, transfer of a firearm by criminals demands harsh and swift punishment under existing law, what is it that Emanuel, Bloomberg and President Obama really want?

To criminalize - then prosecute - everything that we do as law-abiding, peaceable citizens who own and use firearms.

I want to ask a favor. Copy this column and give it to people in the media and to politicians. Put them on notice that their ignorance of law, feigned or real, and their unwillingness to push for prosecution of real criminals using existing federal law cannot be tolerated - EVER! Otherwise these agenda-driven politicians are complicit in criminal violence.

— Wayne LaPierre



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